

CITY OF LINCOLN

STREET TREE REMOVAL POLICY¹

The guiding principles of this policy are:

- Maintain public safety by reducing risk to people and/or by mitigating dead, dying, deteriorating, damaged, diseased and/or hazardous city street trees on the public right-of-way in a timely and reasonable manner.
- The City is ultimately responsible for maintaining publicly owned City tree resources per LMC 12.20 to ensure that professional standards are met, reasonable care is demonstrated and corrective actions are taken when necessary for the welfare and safety of the public.
- Notification by the City in a timely and reasonable manner at the property that directly abuts the public right-of-way adjacent to where a city street tree is marked for removal.
- Posted notification by the City in a timely and reasonable manner directly upon a city street, median and/or boulevard tree on the public right-of-way marked for removal which is 6" or larger in diameter.
- Be reviewed periodically to determine if changes in policy should be considered and/or are necessary.

The policy shall be as follows:

- For any size city **street tree** marked for removal, the Forestry Division of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department shall leave a **notification card** at the primary address, which is defined as the address that directly abuts the public right-of-way upon which such street tree is located.
- Street, median and/or boulevard trees on the public right-of-way marked for removal that are **6" or larger in diameter will be *numbered and posted* by the Forestry Division** on the street side to notify the public of such removals. Posted notices shall include location and/or address, reason for removal, tree removal # / date posted, tree replacement and contact information.
- Contact by e-mail of **active** neighborhood associations requesting notification of **city street trees 6" or larger in diameter that** are marked for removal within their defined geographical boundaries.
- The Forestry Division will give fourteen (14) calendar days notice prior to the removal of a street tree in the City right-of-way unless it is determined that a tree is hazardous and poses an imminent danger to the welfare and safety of the public or has a non-treatable contagious disease that poses imminent danger to the health of surrounding trees or the urban forest.

¹ Adopted by the Community Forestry Advisory Board on December 13, 2005